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WARREN G. MAGNUSON PARK

Magnuson Park Update

A Great Urban Park

Warm Days and Nights

Warm weather and long days mean more visitors to the park, most of whom are thoughtful stewards of the environment. People of all ages have picnics, toss footballs and Frisbees, swim, launch their boats and enjoy the natural beauty of Magnuson Park. Litter is put in trash receptacles, park regulations are followed and the public receives good value from its tax dollars.

However, a few park users are not as responsible. This year, as well as in previous years, our crews are spending far too much time and park resources cleaning up litter from beach parties, painting over graffiti, and repairing vandalized buildings and structures.

Magnuson Park is the destination park for many end-of-school parties and graduation celebrations. Keggers and illegal parties are the norm on long summer evenings. Spillage from cars, beer bottles, cans, and food wrappers left behind make it very difficult to sympathize with young people who complain that there is no place for them to "just hang out." Early morning park users complain of walking through parking lots covered with broken glass and garbage—trash receptacles are ignored.

Graffiti arrives in waves. It is depressing for staff to come to work in the morning and see yet another building or structure defaced by graffiti and broken windows. Magnuson Park is an open campus as well as a public park. The buildings were once part of a secured facility and are vulnerable to break-ins. Some of the buildings are abandoned and have become "hide outs" for youth. This year the Parks administrative office, crew quarters, and the community center, as well as several tenants experienced break-ins and theft. This summer Perfection Ice Cream, a park's concessionaire who was awarded a contract to sell refreshments at the shoreline, closed early because a generator and

shaved ice machine were stolen while the van was stored on campus.

Some new locks, hardware, and doors were installed, but it is impossible to guarantee security. Parks offices now have an alarm system as does the community center. At their own expense, tenants have also added security systems.

The police are called for problems ranging from speeding cars to teenage parties, but unless there is an obvious

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**This is a crime.
Please report any
suspicious behavior.
Call 911.**



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Please help keep our parks safe and clean. If you observe unusual or destructive activity in our parks, please call 911 to report the incident.



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A Message from Charles...

Greetings to all our park neighbors, local businesses, volunteer community groups, and general park users. For the past seven months, I have had the privilege of managing Warren G. Magnuson Park. It’s been an incredible journey. I’ve learned so much about the park and all the various activities and programs that happen daily. Clearly, Magnuson Park is a “happening place.” Exciting things will happen in the next two years. We will continue to see construction projects to further enhance the recreational opportunities for all our citizens. By the end of this year, Phase I of the North Shore area and the multi-purpose Sports Meadow projects should be completed. Work on the wetland, habitat, and athletic fields, the Magnuson Park boat ramp, and the shoreline restoration project will also be under way. With so many construction projects going on, there will undoubtedly be an impact on our park users, tenants and neighbors. However, we are working diligently with our park project managers to do all we can to mitigate and reduce any undue noise and disruption. I want to thank you for your patience and support during this time.

We are also looking forward to the Mountaineers Club becoming the primary tenant of Building 67. Their programs and services will augment our existing Park programs. We will continue to expand on and improve the programs and services that are available to our citizens. Our primary goals are to offer diverse and accessible opportunities that will continue to enhance the overall park experience, and make people feel that our park is a welcoming place.

Our park continues to be heavily used, especially during the days when we reached 80 plus degree temperatures. Masses converged on our swimming beach and boat ramp. Our Park Resources and the Aquatics staff work very hard to keep up, adding chemical toilets, monitoring the parking lots and traffic flow, and providing assistance as requested by our citizens.

A wedding was recently held at Magnuson Park by the swim beach. The happy bride personally called me to say that staff was wonderful and the venue worked out exceedingly well. Indeed, that made my day.

My staff and I not only work at Magnuson Park, we are also park users. Just like the rest of you, we search for parking places on hot summer days to have our picnics, or to swim in the cleanest water of Lake Washington. We attend many of the scheduled events, plays, concerts, see the circus, or walk our dogs. My family and I also visit the park regularly; I am an avid runner and use the trails at least twice a week. A grandchild of one of my staff attended summer theater camp where she performed in the “Bugsy Malone, Jr.” play sponsored by the Magnuson Park Community Center and Civic Light Opera. This park means more to us than just a place to work--it is also our community.

Again, I want to thank the citizens of this community for continuing to be good neighbors, stewards, and supporters of this beautiful urban park.



Charles Ng

Charles Ng, Manager
Magnuson Park and Business Resources



North Shore – Before



North Shore – In Progress

Grants Help Improve Seattle Parks!

Good news! Over the summer several Magnuson Park projects for which we received grant funding will either soon be underway or are near completion, ready for the public to enjoy.

The development of the Sports Meadow will be completed in October with the installation of a drainage and irrigation system. The meadow will remain closed to allow the root system of the newly planted grass to take hold. The fields will reopen for use in 2006.

The initial phase for the North Shore development consists of landscape improvements upland of the shoreline, habitat improvements, building and dock demolition, and construction of the beach for hand-launched boats.

The IAC also granted funding for the improvement of the Magnuson Park boat ramp. The project will improve the existing system to relieve boat congestion, replace deteriorating planked ramps and increase the length and rebuild decking and provide access for users with disabilities.

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danger, most incidents are not given priority status and few offenders are caught. Parks staff met with a representative from the North Seattle Police Precinct to help address these issues.

Magnuson Park is a great community resource available to people of all ages. It is a shame that the City has to spend its scarce resources installing security systems, painting over graffiti, boarding up vacant buildings intended for demolition, and cleaning up trash from irresponsible park users. The offenders do not make the connection that it is a waste of *their* money, too. Everyone pays for the cost of graffiti, vandalism, and littering.

We encourage everyone to participate in maintaining and caring for this great urban park. How do we communicate to people that it is their property that is being damaged?

Talk to your children. Talk to their friends. Set an example as a good park steward. Get the word out. Vandalism, including graffiti, arson and other forms of defacement are crimes against our community and the neighborhood.

Sand Point Community Housing Association

The Sand Point Community Housing Association (SPCHA) celebrated its sixth annual summer picnic on July 23, 2005. It was a wonderful event that brought all the housing partners and residents together for food, fun, and community building. The Magnuson Community Center helped with the set-up and take-down and loaned us tables and chairs for the afternoon. The Seattle Conservation Corp and Magnuson Park crew mowed the lawns and spruced up the entire housing area prior to the biggest day of the year for the SPCHA. Live music, games for the kids, and lots of BBQ for everyone made this celebration extra special.

A three-day Breast Cancer Walk held in July resulted in truck-loads of free food and water for the residents of Sand Point Housing. The perishable food was distributed to all the housing partners by the next day. We still have cases of water that have come in very handy during this incredibly beautiful and warm summer. Thanks to Dan Iverson, Magnuson Park Special Events Coordinator, who provided contact information for this wonderful collaboration.

Pat Mahoney, a neighborhood volunteer, delivers bread to the housing programs every Monday. The bread is donated by the Great Harvest Bread Company. Pat is a warm and caring neighbor that has found time in his weekly schedule to bring fresh baked goods and gourmet breads to our low-income individuals and families. The Interfaith group has coordinated a resource room for residents of Sand Point for the past several years. The room is open every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for people to receive free kitchen and household items. It's a terrific resource for the families who are setting up their own homes. The Interfaith group provides holiday meals, gifts, welcome baskets, and many more services for the residents at SPCHA.

The school year will bring back our tutoring programs. SPCHA helps coordinate ESL tutors and other volunteer tutors for our youth and young adults. The computer center is a great resource for all students, job seekers, and is a daily necessity for many of the residents of SPCHA. The computer center is run by volunteers and is always looking for good volunteers to help.

We have had six very successful years of housing at Magnuson Park. SPCHA will continue to assure quality control among the individual programs that deliver services to residents. SPCHA owns and operates 94 units of low-income housing in six buildings and holds the long-term lease for the existing buildings. Despite enormous efforts by the board and staff of SPCHA, last fall the City of Seattle both withdrew its financial support and turned down our application to build Phase II of low-income housing. The board at SPCHA has worked to determine how best to fulfill its mission. The result is to explore merging with a larger non-profit organization. We are hopeful that we have found the right organization and by October a plan will be in place.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about Sand Point Community Housing Association.

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Magnuson Park

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For special events call 206-233-7892

For tenant information call 206-684-4218

For information and registration about for the Fall 2005 programs please call the Magnuson Community Center at: 206-684-7026 or go to:

www.seattle.gov/parks/

Magnuson Park Shoreline Restoration

Over the next two years, the shoreline at Magnuson Park will be extensively restored. Preliminary investigations of the shoreline north of the swimming beach found that it was formerly used as a dump site for the old Sand Point Naval Air Station. For a number of years, asphalt, concrete and metal debris was unloaded at the shoreline. Recent soil tests found oil contamination. Once the extent of the problems are known and remediated, we will make plans to restore the area. Re-grading, installation of beach gravel, and extensive planting of native trees and shrubs will fulfill the recommendations of the Magnuson Park Vegetation Management Plan and make for improved salmon habitat.

Detailed environmental investigations of the site are currently under

way. We expect to develop a concept plan for the remediation and restoration this fall followed by a detailed design in 2006. Before the design is undertaken, we will hold public meetings in late 2005 to discuss the concept plan.

In 2007, construction of this project will begin after permits are issued and after state and federal resource agencies establish an appropriate construction "window" for any in-water work.

This project is part of Mayor Greg Nickels' Restore Our Waters initiative. A portion of the project will satisfy mitigation requirements associated with the nearby North Shore project. For more information, please call Kevin Stoops, Manager, Major Projects and Planning, at 206-684-7053.

Space Available for Rent

A small office, approximately 9' x 9', with an adjacent storage space is available in The Brig. Organizations must fulfill the purpose of Seattle Parks and Recreation. For details call Isabel Hamilton, Tenant Development Coordinator at **206-684-4218**.



Hello & Good bye

Music of Remembrance, a nonprofit organization, will move into an office on the second floor in Building 30. This organization is dedicated to remembering Holocaust musicians and their art through musical performances, educational activities, recordings and commissions of new works. **Youth Advancement through Music and Art** vacated their space in The Brig. We will miss their programs and, of course, Director Larry Jones.

Events at Warren G. Magnuson Park

Warren G. Magnuson Park has a full calendar of diverse and exciting events throughout the year. Magnuson Park offers something for every taste; whether you're looking for adventure, or just a really great bargain, you'll find it here.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 9-25 Civic Light Opera presents George M! Friday-Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Magnuson Community Center Auditorium. For more information call Civic Light Opera at 206-363-2809 or go to www.clo-musicaltheatre.org



Sept. 16-17 Northwest Horticultural Society Plant Sale. In Hangar 30 at Magnuson Park, 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Visit www.northwesthort.org for more information.

Sept. 17 Move for Mental Health. Starting at 8 a.m. next to the Junior League Playground, this fun 5k raises funds for the Community Psychiatric Clinic. Contact shavenga@cpcwa.org for more information.

Sept 17 Rat City Roller Girls September Bout. 6 to 9 p.m. in hangar 27 at Magnuson Park. Thrill to the brutal antics of Seattle's high-speed heroines, as the daring debs continue their unstoppable roll to world domination. For more information visit <http://ratcityrollergirls.com>. **PHOTO: Roller Derby**

Sept. 23 Phonographers Union Concert. 7 to 10 p.m. in hangar 27; Seattle's most underground and cutting edge experiment ambient sound ensemble puts on a rare public concert, exploring the sonic possibilities of this classic industrial space.

Sept 23 Friends of the Seattle Public Library Members-only Fall Sale. A special members-only preview of the world famous book sale; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in hangar 30 at Magnuson Park.

Sept. 24 - 25 Friends of the Seattle Public Library Fall Book Sale. Magnuson Park hangar 30. Come enjoy this local tradition; find a bargain or just a quick lit fix for the serious bibliophile, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4



p.m.. For more information contact book.sale@spl.org

Sept. 25 Plant Amnesty Fall Plant Sale and Fundraiser. Plant Amnesty returns with another year of this perennial Sand Point favorite. Come help a good cause, learn a lot and get some great plants. Held each year on the tennis courts and lawn, north of the Recreation Center. For details call Plant Amnesty at 206-783-9813.

OCTOBER

Oct. 2 City of Hope. Hangar 30 and Magnuson Park, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This popular 5k walk raises money for Breast Cancer research. For more information call the City of Hope at 425-646-9530.

Oct. 7- 9 Thistle Theatre presents Tales of Peter Rabbit. A classic puppet theater with a modern twist puts on performances for school groups at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday, and for families on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. for more information visit <http://www.thistletheatre.org/schedule.htm>

Oct. 8 Washington Native Plant Society Fall Seed, Bulb & Plant Sale. View Ridge room in the Brig at Magnuson Park. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call WNPS at 206-527-3210.

Oct. 9 Sixth Annual Run for Children's Magnuson Park. Start next to the Junior League Playground 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This run raises money for Children's Hospital. For more information visit www.runforchildrens.org

Oct. 9 Eros Antique Market in Hangar 30. Great news for people who collect! It's all here; antiques, arts and crafts, collectibles and one-of-a-kind merchandise from up to 250 vendors. Interested in being a vendor? Contact Dennis_Eros@excite.com

Oct. 14 -30 A Hand of Bridge. In the Magnuson Community Center Auditorium. Vodvil theatre presents their adaptation of the classic Samuel Barber one act opera. For more information email vodvil@speakeasy.org

Oct. 15 ASOPS Bird Fair. Hangar 30 at Magnuson Park. Finally! A fair to satisfy all your Aviculture yearnings. Everything a bird lover could possibly want and more. For more information email piratefmd-asops@yahoo.com

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Oct. 22 Youthcare Annual Auction. Hangar 30, 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. This auction and dinner raises funds for Youthcare services. For more information visit www.youthcare.org

Oct. 22-23 Fall Wild Mushroom Show. Saturday, Oct. 22, 12 to 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This amazing celebration of all things mushrooming in the northwest is really a trip, and highly recommended Returning to The Brig Activity Center (Building 406) at Magnuson this one of a kind festival educates entertains and informs us all on behalf of the Puget Sound Mycological Society. For more information, visit <http://www.psms.org/fallshow/show.html>

NOVEMBER

Nov. 5-6 Women of Wisdom Fall Festival. A gathering for women. In The Brig (bldg. 406) at Magnuson Park For more information visit www.womenofwisdom.org

Nov. 18-20 Best of the Northwest. In hangar 27, at Magnuson Park; your chance to enjoy and obtain the fabulous wares of the Northwest' most prestigious artists and craftspeople. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on

Saturday and Sunday For more information visit www.bestnwcrafts.com

Nov. 18- Dec. 4 Civic Light Opera presents-- big! The Musical. Fridays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Magnuson Community Center Auditorium. For more information call Civic Light Opera at 206-363-2809 or go to www.clo-musicaltheatre.org

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Events listed are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. For the most up to date information check our web site at www.seattle.gov/magnuson